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LIMDIS PLEASE PASS MATHEA FALCO FROM DAVID ERNST

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SNAR

SUBJECT: SENATE HEARINGS

1. ALL IS WELL HERE. I WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT SENATOR HUMPHREY'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE IS HOLDING HEARINGS ON FRIDAY, APRIL 22 ON US ARMS TRANSFER POLICY AND THE ADMINISTRATION'S FISCAL YEAR 78 SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. THE SECRETARY IS EXPECTED TO TESTIFY ON ARMS TRANSFERS AND MS. BENSON AND GOV. GILLIGAN ON SECURITY AND SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW STATEMENT ON OUR PROGRAM AND A WITNESS FOR THE SAME HEARINGS. HANS BIN-NENDIJK OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF TOLD ME THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE BUT FEW QUESTIONS ON NARCOTICS, AS THE MAIN THRUST IS ON THE OTHER SUBJECTS. INDEED QUESTIONING OF THE OTHER WITNESSES MAY TAKE THE ENTIRE TIME.

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2. I HAVE IN MIND A GENERAL OVERVIEW STATEMENT DRAWN BASICALLY FROM YOUR STATEMENT TO THE APPROPRIATIONS SUB-COMMITTEES. WOULD YOU WISH SOME SPECIAL PERSONAL MESSAGE OR LANGUAGE INCLUDED ON YOUR BEHALF, POSSIBLY RELATING TO YOUR PRESENT VISIT TO THE EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES OF MAJOR CONCERN TO US? I WOULD INCORPORATE THIS ALONG WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR

(AND, OF COURSE, THE SECRETARY'S) STRONG COMMITMENT TO THE PROGRAM.

3. PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATE.

4. SEPARATE SUBJECT: OSCAR CANNOT FIND CHECKS YOU LEFT FOR PAYMENT OF TAXES. HE SUGGESTS THAT IF THEY WERE NOT MADE OUT TO THE ORDER OF THE IRS, YOU CABLE FIRST UNION IMMEDIATELY AND STOP PAYMENT. THEY WON'T ACCEPT A STOP ORDER FROM OSCAR.

5. WE SUGGEST YOU CABLE FIRST UNION BY DIRECT COMMERCIAL TELEGRAM AND ADVISE US IN RESPONSE TO THIS CABLE WHAT INFO TO PASS TO OSCAR.
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